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## Diamond Fork Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection 2024-2025

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# Classes and Course Descriptions at Diamond Fork Middle School Course Descriptions - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **REQUIRED COURSES**

<u>LANGUAGE ARTS</u> - This class focuses on fluency, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, writing process, and reading comprehension. <u>MATH</u> 6- We make math fun, comparing and understanding real world data, exploring ratios and proportions, expressions and equations, negative integers and non-proportional relationships.

<u>SCIENCE</u> – In 6<sup>th</sup> grade science we study everything from an atom to the solar system. We study animals and local weather patterns. SOCIAL STUDIES - This class is designed to help students become familiar with the geography and the study of human behavior.

<u>STEM</u> - STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM education creates critical thinkers and innovators. <u>READING</u> - This class incorporates vocabulary and reading comprehension skills.

<u>PE 6 CO ED/HEALTH</u> - This class provides for physical activity, sportsmanship, social interaction skills, and personal well-being skills. This class also provides a beginning education about personal health habits and skills for a healthy life.

### **FINE ART CLASSES**

<u>BAND 1</u> - Curriculum for this class includes basic musicianship skills. No prior experience required. Students will learn to play instruments such as Woodwinds - clarinet, flute, saxophone, oboe, bassoon; Brass - trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn; Percussion – drums, triangle, cymbals, woodblocks, and others. Students will perform in concerts

ORCHESTRA 1- This course provides opportunities for students with little or no experience to develop their musical skills through learning to play orchestral string instruments such as violin, viola, cello, and bass. Students will perform in concerts CONCERT CHOIR (Full Year) - Students will learn advanced singing techniques and musicianship skills.

<u>CHOIR (Half Year)</u> - Chorus is a non-auditioned choir for 6-7th graders. As an introduction to choral singing, basics in theory, voice, performance, unison, and two-part harmonies will be explored. Students perform in concerts.

ART 6 – Come and learn the elements of art by using a variety of materials. Get creative with ceramics, watercolor, drawing, and more

<u>DRAMA 1 -</u> This class will focus on the basics of characterization including character movement and vocal expression. Students will perform in class plays.

#### **ELECTIVES**

<u>CHOIR (Half Year)</u> - Chorus is a non-auditioned choir for 6th-7th graders. As an introduction to choral singing, basics in theory, voice, performance, unison, and two part harmonies will be explored. There is a separate class for boys & girls. They perform in concerts. <u>DANCE 1</u> - This class is designed to give students the opportunity to learn the beginning skills of dance while improving their poise, technique, and self-confidence and creative ability. Students will perform in a showcase and in assemblies <u>PE ELECTIVE</u> – This class will cover basic skills and strategies of various team sports.

<u>SCIENCE ELECTIVE - BUGS</u> – This course will delve into the animal kingdom, particular emphasis on bugs, spiders, and creepy crawlers.

<u>HISTORY ELECTIVE & DEBATE – WE THE PEOPLE</u> – This class teaches about the constitution and government. This is an advanced history course where students debate and compete.

<u>SERVICE LEARNING (Character Ed) –</u> This class teaches and reinforces the school values. Students learn character development and service. Students help with school service projects including: the food drive, Red Ribbon Week, Sub 4 Santa, tutoring at elementary schools, and DFMS student birthday parties.

<u>INTRO TO SPANISH</u> – This class is an introduction to the Spanish language. Students will be introduced to basic vocabulary, grammar, and culture in a fun and exciting way.

<u>INTERMEDIATE SPANISH (Spoken at home)</u> - This class is designed to improve the Spanish language of students who already speak Spanish at home. It will focus on writing, reading, and speaking Spanish with the correct use of grammar and vocabulary. Students will also learn about the culture of various Spanish speaking countries and communities.

#### **Course Fees**

PE - \$10.00		Science- \$20.00	STEM- \$10.00	
Drama- \$10.00		PE Elective - \$10.00	Science Elective - \$10.00	
Art - \$10.00		Choir (half year) - \$10.00	Concert Choir (full year) - \$20.00	
Dance 1 - \$10.00		Service Learning - \$10.00		
Band 1 - \$20.00	(Plus \$150.00 fee for instrument rental for the year): Fee waiver or payment plan is available if qualified.			
Orchestra 1 - \$20.00	(Plus \$150.00 fee for instrument rental for the year): Fee waiver or payment plan is available if qualified.			